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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

**09/647049**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
PCT/FR99/00678INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE  
23 March 1999PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED  
25 23 March 1998  
*BAC*TITLE OF INVENTION COVERING PANELS, IN PARTICULAR FOR FLOORS, AND COVERING  
FORMED BY SUCH PANELS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Miodrag NOVAKOVIC

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1.  This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2.  This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3.  This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4.  A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5.  A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a.  is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b.  has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c.  is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6.  A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7.  Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a.  are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b.  have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c.  have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
  - d.  have not been made and will not be made.
8.  A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9.  An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10.  A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11.  An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12.  An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13.  A FIRST preliminary amendment.
- A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14.  A substitute specification.
15.  A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16.  Other items or information:

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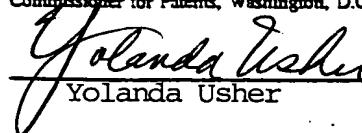
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**09/64704**17.  The following fees are submitted.

BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (5) ):

Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO ..... \$ 840.00

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) \$ 670.00

No international preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)  
but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) ..... \$ 760.00Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor  
international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO ..... \$ 970.00International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)  
and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2)-(4) ..... \$ 96.00**534 Rec'd C 25 SEP 2000**

CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY

**ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =****\$ 840.00**Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than  20  30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).**\$**

CLAIMS NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA RATE

Total claims 13 - 20 = 0 \* 18.00 \$

Independent claims 1 - 3 = 0 \* 78.00 \$

MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + 260.00 \$

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Reduction of 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statement must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).

**\$****SUBTOTAL =****\$ 840.00**Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than  20  30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).**\$****TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =****\$ 840.00**

Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property + \$

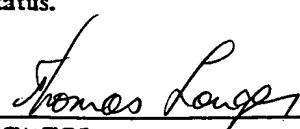
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a.  A check in the amount of \$ 840.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.b.  Please charge my Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.c.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1378. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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**Verification of Translation**

I, Robin Holding, having an office at 948 15th Street, #4, Santa Monica, CA 90403-3134, hereby state that I am well acquainted with both the English and French languages and that to the best of my knowledge and ability, the appended document is a true and faithful translation of

**International Patent Application No. PCT/FR99/00678, in the name of  
Miodrag NOVAKOVIC.**

I further declare that the above statement is true; and further, that this statement is made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

September 21, 2000

Date

Robin Holding

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